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David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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Re: In re: Universal Service Generic Contested Case
Docket No. 97-00888

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of MCI Telecommunications Corporation's Responses to TRA Staff Requests for Comments which we would appreciate your filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of MCI.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:


Jon E. Hastings

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

In Re:

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**MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S (MCI) RESPONSES TO
TRA STAFF REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS**

1. Comments on whether the new issues identified by the Staff for Phase 1 are appropriate. Those issues are 8d and 3, 9a and f through k, and 15.

RESPONSE:

MCI believes these are appropriate.

2. A statement on each of the issues as to whether a settlement is possible or whether the issues can be handled by briefs alone (i.e., testimony at a hearing will not be necessary).

RESPONSE:

MCI believes the issues identified as settlement issues can be settled by all parties or handled by briefs.

3. Identification of issues of law and comments on the proposed briefing schedule.

RESPONSE:

MCI agrees with the proposed briefing schedule.

4. Comment on the issues identified for Phase 2.

RESPONSE:

MCI believes the issues identified are appropriate for Phase 2.

5. Comments on the schedule for completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2.

RESPONSE:

MCI agrees with the schedule for completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2.

6. Whether a response to Issue 16 could be delivered by November 14.

RESPONSE:

MCI would prefer to participate in a cost model workshop and submit input values at a date to be determined by the TRA.

7. Whether a list of Access Charge Reform Issues to be worked jointly with the Phase 2 issues could be delivered by November 14.

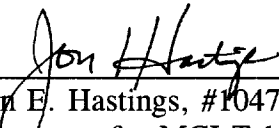
RESPONSE:

MCI believes this is appropriate and feasible.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY PLC

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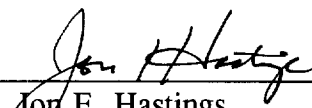
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